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WIFE MURDER, GETS CHAIR SIGNS JIM-CROW BILL

DUVAL PUTS SIGNATURE ON RACE BILL

Just as we go to press, the announcement comes that Mayor Duval has signed the Zoning Ordinance prohibiting Negroes of Indianapolis from living in certain localities.

The bill was sponsored by a Republican Council and signed by a Republican Mayor. Remember that!!

The Hon. Arthur L. Gillam, Attorney General of Indiana, rendered a decision published on Tuesday this week in which he states as follows: "The ordinance passed by the local city council, seeking to prevent occupancy of residential property by persons of opposite color in defined areas, without the consent of a majority of the residents in such areas, is wholly void and unconstitutional." He further states that "The contentions involved are matters to be worked out through private regulations, and cannot be worked out through public regulation with the present limitation on governmental power."

"Such political powers as the Legislature has delegated to the common council do not include power to enact zoning ordinances as found in Chapter 225, Acts of 1921, but the subject of this ordinance is not within the powers there delegated. 'If the Legislature sought to accomplish the purpose directly by its own act such attempts would be rendered futile by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.'"

Incompatibilities of race, creed, or color, are not soluble in legislation, which disregards constitutional rights and privileges of citizens.

Austin H. Todd, who sponsored the ordinance in the city council for his constituents The White Supremacy League says, "I believe the ordinance should be carried to the Supreme Court for a decision on its constitutionality," he said, "And I believe the city council will pass the ordinance if the Mayor refuses to sign it." With reference to Mayor Duval in the case it appears he lacks the moral courage to commit himself.

It is reported he has declared he received no notice of Mr. Gilliam's opinion, and asked no opinion. Also if Alvah J. Rucker corporation council (for the corporation of Indianapolis) had asked an opinion from the State Attorney General, he did so on his own initiative. Mayor Duval has two days from the time of the decision of Mr. Gilliam, in which to sign or veto the measure.

MAKE TEACHERS HIDE KNEES

(By The Associated Negro Press)
NEWPORT, Ky., March 25th.—After much protest from a mother's club, the school board of this city has ordered that teachers in the local schools must keep their skirts within eleven inches of the floor, this being felt to be sufficient to keep their knees covered, and must wear sleeves that cover their elbows.

TO APPEAR IN RECITAL



Miss Guy is more than a pianist. She has a brain, a heart, a temperament and a talent. All of these linked together were under the complete control of her will and inspiration. This is part of a comment appearing in the Howard University Record just after Miss Guy had appeared in a recital in Rankin Memorial Chapel.

Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta is bringing Miss Guy to Indianapolis on Friday evening, April 9th for the benefit of their scholarship fund. The recital will be in the Second Christian Church at 8:15. Miss Guy will be assisted by Mr. Walter M. Price, baritone.

3 COLORED SCHOOLS TO START SOON

Three new school buildings to house the children of the Colored Orphans Home, school No. 37 and School No. 42 of North Indianapolis, were reported O. K. by the school board and the county commissioners at a conference this week.

An examination of the preliminary plans for the new grade schools must be made before final authority is given for construction. The total cost of the three buildings will be over a quarter million dollars.

The citizens of North Indianapolis have been asking for a new school for several years to fill a long felt need, as students must go to school 17 for their Junior High School work. The present buildings are portable and have stood for years.

Plans to buy seven acres of land adjoining the seven acres on which the Colored Orphans' Home is situated, at Keystone avenue and Twenty-fourth street, to be used as a school site and playground, were disclosed at a joint conference of Theodore Vonnegut and Charles Kern, members of the city school board, and Charles O. Sutton and Cassius L. Hogle, county commissioners.

Additional Ground Needed
Commissioners have given the right to the school board to build a city school on part of the county's plot, and the additional ground is needed to complete the site. Children of the home, now attending school No. 37, will go to the new school.

ST. LOUIS CITIZENS TO FIGHT

ST. LOUIS, Mo., A concerted effort by white organizations in the city to St. Louis to establish exclusion of Negroes from residential districts with definitely fixed boundaries, is being met by the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which has organized a special committee to obtain members and raise funds to meet emergencies as they may arise. James H. Tauter, secretary of the St. Louis Branch, writes to the National Office of the N. A. A. C. P. in New York:

"There has been instituted propaganda to prevent the Negroes from occupying premises in certain localities in St. Louis. Boundaries have been formed and a perfectly organized effort has been established to accomplish these aims of the white real estate agents. Twenty-one organizations have handed themselves with well laid plans to keep the Negroes from purchasing or renting houses only in the localities they have selected for them. This organization is composed of real estate men, merchants and business men of every profession. The agreement is laid out in other words, the constitution of the organization, is in our hands."

The Executive Committee (of the Branch) has authorized a Committee and that Committee has worked out a plan to comb the city for membership and defense funds to be used as emergency arises. We have something like 30 organizations. All are willingly desirous of working with the Association's Branch.

LEAGUE TO DEMAND A BETTER DEAL

(Special)—The West End Civic League headed by Eugene Temple appeared before the Board of Public Works urging their support in a movement to beautify residential districts largely occupied by people of color. They cited the large amount of the tax payers' money being spent in improving other districts and urged in fairness that like amount be spent in Negro localities.

Mr. Temple said better living conditions would be the direct result.

Our hope is to beautify our neighborhood, and we property owners are willing to bear our share of the expense of the street and other improvements we have needed for so many years.

Paved streets, sidewalks and curbing were sought for Agnes St., Michigan St. to Walnut St., Douglas St., New York St. to Indiana Ave., Hadley St. and W. Walnut St. The petitioners also requested immediate repair of W. North St. from Blake St. to Hiawatha St.

Much good is expected to be derived from the program of the League and organization of similar nature would assist in the betterment of other communities.

Resolutions were adopted for the election of the year 1926, for the year 1927 and 4. were read and immediately action demanded.

The next meeting of the League is scheduled for April 1st. Permanent officials will be elected.

GARVEITES HOLD MEET IN DETROIT

DETROIT, Mich., March 24th.—The fifth international convention of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, sitting in extraordinary session, opened her Friday with a monster parade through the heart of the city.

From early Friday, March 12, delegates began pouring into Detroit. Thousands participated in the monster parade at 1 P. M., and marched through the streets holding aloft banners and mottoes of the U. N. I. A. At the head of the parade marched four stalwart men, carrying a huge placard bearing the words—"Long Live Marcus Garvey."

At 2:45, Friday afternoon, the spacious auditorium at Turner Hall was packed hundreds having to be content with standing room. The Friday session was opened with prayer by Rev. F. A. Toote, chairman of Committee of Presidents, who presided. Fred E. Johnson, president of the Detroit Division, delivered the address of welcome to the delegates.

This was supplemented by an address by Rev. Joseph Gomez, on behalf of the churches.

Greetings to Marcus Garvey
Two minutes of deep solemnity followed, as the vast throng bowed heads in silent prayer, prior to sending a telegram of greeting to the Hon. Marcus Garvey at Atlanta Federal Prison.

GIRL ACCUSES FATHER

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 25th.—Christine Hughes, 19, went on the stand in Judge Harch's court here this week and charged that her father, James Hughes, was the father of her eight weeks' old baby. Hughes was in court. She claimed that her father had been intimate with her for some years, had sent her to school and Sunday School, but had never permitted her to have any young male company. Hughes denied that he had ever been intimate with his daughter, or that he is the father of her child.

Falls 150 Feet From Smoke Stack Bucket Was Dizzy

Lee A. Kiser, 45, colored, 511 Indiana Ave., "Steeple Jack" employed to refine a smoke stack at the Indianapolis Light and Heat Company Mill St. Plant, was killed Tuesday when he fell about 150 feet.

Kiser was being hauled up in bucket and is believed to have become dizzy. The fall broke every bone in his body. Kiser dying instantly.

Kiser was an experienced steeple jack and is said to have worked on some of the highest jobs, in Chicago and other places.

Other workmen said he apparently was made dizzy by the turning of the bucket in which he was being lifted. Ray Carroll, of Chicago, who was at the top of the stack, said he noticed Kiser was dizzy and told him to sit down. Before he could seat himself, he toppled out of the bucket, Carroll said.

Plans Complete For Shrine Event

Plans are almost complete in the arrangement for Persian Temple No. 46, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the presentation of their Musical comedy, "The Revue of Yesterday" at the Antioch Theater Friday and Saturday night at Tomlinson Hall Easter Monday night, April 5th.

The Shrine is looking forward to this annual affair as the best ever presented because each previous entertainment has always proved the acrobatic hit of the season and surpasses even their own affairs formerly given. From the first event down to this one which marks their fourteenth has improved with age and Noble Clarence (Dippy) Miller, who is starring this affair, has strained every effort to beat everything of his predecessors, taking into consideration the Minstrels of past years, "The Price of Pleasure," and "The Garden of Love," the last two which the public put the O. K. on as being the best that the Shrine has ever given, with the last place that has been set before him has made a wonderful improvement.

The writer of this article, who has been actively connected with most all these entertainments can truthfully say that "Dippy" has surpassed them all in his production of "The Revue of Yesterday." He has more pep in the chorus, better singing and dancing, and action in the leading roles, and solos for amateur, show almost professional skill. The "Revue of Yesterday" is a scintillating Musical Melody presenting a real live chorus of Broadway Beauties, who are some Charleston steppers.

The whole aggregation of home talent youngsters consists of sixty people with beautiful dazzling costumes in a setting of gorgeous scenes which is made more beautiful by the different colored lights operated by the "Spot Light Kid" Matthew Dickerson of the "Dickerson Musical enterprise." After the show, the young, near young and old with young ideas, who enjoy shaking a fantastic toe, foot, or leg, will have the pleasure of dancing to the swaying strains of "Duval's 12-piece Orchestra" which has been setting the radio fans wild on the air.

Already many reservations for seats have been made and every one is advised to get their ticket as soon as possible because a larger audience is expected this year than ever before and you will miss a treat of your life if you miss "The Revue of Yesterday" at Tomlinson Hall Easter Monday night, April 5th presented by Persian Temple No. 46, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, who always enjoy pleasing the public.

MOTHER IS HERO

(By The Associated Negro Press)
MARIANNA, Ark., March 18th.—After fire had broken out in her home in which her four children slept, and firemen had given up hope of saving the home or rescuing the children, Mrs. Isaac McGinnis came home. Undaunted by the warnings of the white firemen, she tore into the burning house in an unsuccessful effort to save her offspring. She was so terribly burned that she died the next day, Tuesday.

MURDERER ATTEMPTS TO KILL SELF

Roosevelt Hicks, 21, a mere boy, wife murderer, must pay with his life for a criminal offense against society. The jury found Hicks guilty Saturday night after Prosecutor Remy savagely attacked the defense of Hicks. Remy demanded death for a premeditated and brutal murder.

Ira M. Holmes defense attorney made an impassioned plea before the jury, asking mercy for his client who became temporary insane over the fact that his wife left him, and killed her under those circumstances. Hicks fatally shot his wife last July 21st, after an argument said to have started in a park. She alleged to have been seen with another man.



After hearing the verdict of the jury, Hicks said "he would rather take the juice than put in the rest of my life in prison, or even, ten years of it."

Hicks was taken at once to the County Jail and will be brought before Judge James A. Collins next Saturday for sentence.

He did not deny the murder. Ira Holmes announced a motion for a new trial would be filed within 30 days.

Attempts Suicide
Roosevelt Hicks, condemned to die in the electric chair for the slaying of his wife attempted suicide Tuesday morning at the county jail, by drinking liquid air purifier, but the attempt was frustrated by John Sands, deputy sheriff.

Later in the day, Hicks ran against the stone wall with his head in an effort to fracture his skull. He was also unsuccessful in this attempt.

Every precaution will be to keep Hicks from killing himself.

COOLIDGE FAVORS THE ANTI-LYNCH

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Coolidge told a delegation Tuesday that he was in favor of the Dyer-McKinley anti lynching bill and the return of a colored man as minister to Liberia.

Delegates who were granted an audience at the White House represent the Colored Republican Conference headed by Dr. W. A. Byrd, of Jersey City. Others in the delegation were Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Mrs. Daisy Lampton, of Pittsburgh, the Rev. W. H. Jernagin, Dr. W. C. Brown Brooklyn, N. Y., Dr. A. C. Garner, N. York and D. H. Taylor.

On the question of lynching, the president said that personally he favored anti-lynching legislation. Where he stood on the color question he explained frequently in his messages to Congress.

Teams Await Starters Gun For 3rd Annual BasketBall Tourney

THIRD ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
SHOWS GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NET GAME IN STATE.

"Hap Hazard"
Thirteen years ago, Thomas E. Taylor, then secretary of the local "Y" and six members made a trip to Louisville, Ky., for an unheard of event, an intercity basketball game involving Indianapolis. The trip was made for a three-fold purpose to give the secretary Mr. Taylor a chance to address the Louisville big meeting on Sunday to play a basketball game on Monday; and to reward the men on the team for having shown best in the Y League games. The Y. M. C. A. at time was at North and California and as the so-called gym was very small, there were only three men on each team, thus the men making the trip, namely, D. Phelps, C. Gilmer, H. Willis, R. Bryant, B. Coleman and G. Hazard, were in reality two teams. Regulation basketball suits in those days were unheard of, and our squad used everything from a football uniform to a bathing suit, because of the magnitude of the occasion long preparations had been made for the big trip, and although the game was scheduled for Monday evening, our team arrived in Louisville Wednesday of the week before our shoes to correspond with our suits, being either light tennis or bedroom slippers if any. As a matter of fact if the writer remembers correctly he played the last part of the game barefooted. However, it was the beginning and those that can imagine conditions, then and compare them with conditions that will exist April 2 and 3rd at the New Army during the third annual State Tournament cannot help but admit that the net game has made wonderful development in the last half score of years.

Sixteen teams will battle there for state supremacy under the most modern and best of condition. 16 teams, comprising of the best in the State, being well groomed and well coached handled by efficient officials and playing on the best floor in the State will strive to see who is best. They will be watched by thousands of fans pulling for the "Brooks" Comets, Richmond, etc., and among that thousand there will be one or possibly two of that original seven, who 13 years ago lost a week to go to Louisville to lose a basketball game, but in their minds their losses will be forgotten and they will be happy to think that they started something big.

MEXICO BARS NEGRO JOCKEYS

(By The Associated Negro Press)
TIJUANA, Lower Calif., Mexico, March 27th.—Racing circles here were stirred last week by the issuance of an order by the Mexican Government singling out Negro employees and requiring that they furnish bond for their return to the United States, holding their employers responsible for their returning. The result of the order has been the lessening of employment for colored men both because of the barriers imposed and the disinclination of owners to shoulder the burden of responsibility, as well as the unwillingness of the colored men to be registered and checked in and out, since the order applies to no other race. Representations will be made to Secretary of Labor Davis at Washington in an effort to have the practice stopped.

The letter of "Jimmy" president of the Tijuana Jockey Club to owners of racing stables follows:
"Tijuana Race Track, Gentlemen. In order to comply with a ruling of the Mexican Government, it is necessary that all employees of the Negro race furnish bond for their return to the United States and that their employers be held responsible for their return; therefore, you will please signify your willingness to comply with this ruling by having all or any of your colored employees report to the Mexican Immigration Station before returning to the United States permanently, so that proper record of same may be made.

"In case you discharge a colored employee, please personally see that he complies with the above before paying him off, in accordance with Club. (Signed) J. W. Coffroth, above. Yours truly, Tijuana Jockey Club."

CLARK DEFEATS MOREHOUSE AT BASEBALL

(By The Associated Negro Press)
ATLANTA, Ga., March 27th.—Winter returned to Atlanta full blast Friday night and on Saturday Morehouse's first game of the season was played to the accompaniment of stamping feet and the lurid glare of bonfires. For the first time since 1918, Clark turned back the Maroon Hosts by the lousy score of 10-9. And the game was every bit as clumsy as the score. Rookie fingers made numb by cold seemed up easy chances, the game being replete with walks, beatings, and muffed flies and homehead plays. But it was a great game for Clark. Only a few fans braved the cold but the whole town knew it before nightfall.

PADUCAH, KY.
William Buttlet is on the sick list. He came from a hospital in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Baker is on the sick list. Vanmahy Dunlop is quite ill.—The South side Protection has been organized at the residence of Mr. Clarence Dunlop.

American Jiants' Back Stop



CATCHER COLEMAN

Catcher Coleman has been signed by player, and the pitcher, a man up by Duke Foster to do part of the one trying to steal second "receiving" Coleman is a fast snap.

CUBAN TEAM TO COMPETE IN OHIO MEET

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 27th.—An international relay race was assured for the third annual Ohio relay race, April 11th, with the announcement today by George M. Trautman, manager of the University of Havana, that a team from the most southern island would compete in the meet. The Havana team, which will consist of four members, will be headed by Charlie Hoff, a Cuban who has been in the United States for some time. Hoff is a former member of the New York Athletic Club and has won several national titles. He is now a resident of Columbus, Ohio, and is preparing for the meet. The Havana team will be the first Cuban team to compete in the Ohio relay race.

Hoff is slated for a Western trip about the middle of April and a stop here for the Ohio relay race is understood. Hoff has assured Trautman that the Ohio State invitation will be given every possible consideration.

COLORED TEAM BEAT WORLDS CHAMPS CELTS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 27th.—By John Howe.
There were some home, back and forth games, usually as exciting as a football game, and that, which was the real game, was the one in which the colored team, the Renaissance team, defeated the world's champion Celtic team. The game was played at the Palais Royal court last Monday night.

A thriller from start to finish the game reached its peak when with the score tied at twenty-nine all and a few seconds of play remaining, George Fiall, Renaissance forward, staked the game on a shot from the middle of the floor. The ball left his skilled fingers, traveled in an arc beautiful to behold and dropped through the basket without touching backboard or rim. Then the house went wild as the final whistle sounded ending a game that had whipped the emotions of a vast crowd into a frenzy.

Renaissance Easter Team
The Renaissance team from the first flashed a speed that was superior to that of their rivals and outclassed the Celtics as well in the matter of shooting from the floor. But from the foul line the champions were deadly and this machine-like consistency kept the teams on a basis of nerve racking equality during the entire forty minutes of play.

Score Is Tied
Early in the first half the Big R outfit ran up a lead of 10-3 but the Celtics broke through quickly and from that time on, with the lead shifting continually back and forth, neither quintet could secure anything approaching a safe margin in the credit column. At half time they were deadlocked at eighteen all.

'Twas Renaissance Night
It was a Renaissance night in general and a Fiall night in particular. The team from Harlem was bewilderingly fast and "Fats" Jenkins, called the fastest man in basketball, lived up to every good thing that has been said of him. Ricks, with the deadly eye got his quota in each half. Slocum

BUILD ARENA FOR JOHNSON LESTER FIGHT

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 27th.—The building of a new arena for the Johnson-Lester fight, which is scheduled for April 11th, is being pushed forward by the promoters. The arena will be built on the site of the old Madison Square Garden and will be a modern structure with a seating capacity of 10,000. The building will be owned by the Johnson-Lester fight promotion and will be used for the fight and other events.

It is expected that the arena will be completed by the time of the fight. The building will be a landmark in New York City and will be a great addition to the city's sports facilities.

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HOLD BOXING PRO-
MOTER FOR MURDER
(By The Associated Negro Press)
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